GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is being provided by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation to the North-Eastern States including Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the scheme guidelines are same for the minorities in the hilly States and the plains States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) and (b): The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) extends financial assistance to the persons belonging to minorities across the country including North Eastern States and Sikkim through its State Channelising Agencies (SCAs). At present, the SCAs of the States of Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura are functional. The SCA of Sikkim has never approached NMDFC for implementation of NMDFC schemes. A State-wise statement showing funds disbursed in the North Eastern States including Sikkim during last three financial years is given below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	STATE	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
1	ARUNANCHAL PRADESH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	ASSAM	12.42	200.00	124.00	336.42
3	MANIPUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	MEGHALAYA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	MIZORAM	309.81	129.00	0.00	438.81
6	NAGALAND	1170.00	451.00	700.00	2,321.00
7	TRIPURA	96.00	100.00	200.00	396.00
	Total	1588.23	880.00	1024.00	3492.23

There is no release during current year 2012-13 as of now because Annual Action Plan for all States including NE States are yet to be finalized before release of funds.

(c) and (d): The scheme guidelines are uniform for all the States/Union Territories. However, 10% of the total allocations of NMDFC are earmarked for North Eastern States and NMDFC allows funds utilization up to 50% for the projects relating to transport sector in hilly regions as compared to only 20% in the plains due to problems of logistics.